



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Media Alert

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H.E.R.O. OPERATOR INJURED ON I-85 GWINNETT COUNTY WHILE ASSISTING MOTORIST

WHERE: I-85 southbound at Old Peachtree Road

WHEN: Approximately 4 p.m. today

WHAT: A Georgia DOT H.E.R.O. Operator was injured while he was outside of his vehicle assisting a motorist.

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly.

Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone.

Additional information will be made available as it develops.

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